

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 10, 2001

Members Present:

Don Amber
James Cooper
Ron Wark
Debi Butturi
Dennis Rose
James Rosenau
Michael Keever
Tom Kitchens
Alan McCoy
Gregg Harris

Members Absent:

Ralph Hollenbeck
Paul Beal
John Grolich
Steve Davison

Staff Present:

Rebecca Blagrove
Sherrie Crain

Others Present:

Denise Ervin
Chuck Ford

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Rosenau. Mr. Rosenau introduced Gregg Harris, Indianapolis Fire Department, who is a new committee member.

Dennis Rose offered a motion to approve the minutes. Second by Gregg Harris. The motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commission Meeting Report

Mr. Rosenau reported that the EMS Commission is aware of the discrepancy between rule regarding Paramedic staffing and the statute. Discussion followed regarding an apparent impending manpower shortage that will affect the entire state. Sherrie Crain asked if a survey of providers would be helpful in determining the scope of the problem.

Committee members offered suggestions for questions that could be included in a survey. (See attached document)

Ambulance Accident Study

Ms. Crain reported that 39 State Police reports have been received this year and 15

EMSC reports have been received from providers. Members of the committee agreed that the study should continue through 2001.

EMD

Alan McCoy reported that the EMD Task Force is meeting on a regular basis. The task force is trying to determine if rules should apply to the 911 centers or to all EMS providers. The task force is also looking for funding sources for EMD training programs. Other issues are quality assurance and the question of whether the 2004 implementation date is doable.

Mr. McCoy also reported that 55% of the state has EMD currently in place.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Crain informed the committee that it would be asked to study the current Voluntary Rescue Squad Certification Guidelines. There is a need to update the program. (See attached rescue squad information) Members should be ready to discuss the issue at the next meeting.

The remaining meeting dates for the year 2001 are as follows:

Tuesday, July 10, 2001

Tuesday, October 9, 2001

All meetings will be held at **Warren Township Fire Department (501 North Post Road, Indianapolis)** and will begin at noon. Any changes will be announced prior to the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.